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TAGS: OEXC, SN (CHIN HARN TONG)

SUBJECT: FY-75 IV PROGRAM

REF: SINGAPORE 3928; STATE 222736

1. CHIN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION AND WILL ARRIVE
WASHINGTON IN TIME FOR NOVEMBER 4 PROGRAMMING DATE.
WILL ADVISE ETA WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. CHIN INTERESTED IN PRIMARILY THREE FIELDS:
(A) ELECTORAL PROCESS; (B) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES
AND TECHNIQUES OF TRADE UNIONS; (C) NEW COMMUTING
IDEAS USING BUSES, MINI-BUSES AND TAXIES, SUCH AS
DIAL-A-RIDE AND PARK-AND-RIDE PROJECTS. REQUESTS
USUAL SIGHTSEEING.

3. POSTS PRIMARY INTEREST IN THIS CANDIDATE IS TO
GIVE SINGAPOREAN MP OPPORTUNITY VIEW U.S. ELECTORAL
PROCESS. SUGGEST, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THAT CHIN HAVE
OPPORTUNITY ATTEND ELECTION EVE RALLY, VISIT ONE OR
MORE POLLING STATIONS ON DAY OF ELECTIONS, HAVE
OPPORTUNITY WITNESS DISCUSSIONS AND EVALUATIONS OF
ELECTIONS DURING IMMEDIATE POST-ELECTION PERIOD. VISIT
TO CONGRESS, IF THERE IS ANYONE THERE, WOULD BE USEFUL,
AS WELL AS LATER VISITS TO STATE AND LOCAL LEGIS-
LATURES AND COUNCILS.

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4. AS ACTIVE OFFICIAL IN SINGAPORE NATIONAL TRADES

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LSS (NTUC) CHIN INTERESTED MEETING WITH CROSS-

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SECTION OF UNION OFFICIALS WILLING DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS.

5. AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NTUC TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE,

CHIN SEEKING NEW IDEAS ON COMMUTING PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS INVOLVING MINI-BUSES AND TAXIES.

FYI, CHIN IN CHARGE OF NTUC PROJECT PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR

COMMUTERS WILLING TO PARK IN FRINGE LOTS. HE WILL BE

PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN U.S. ATTEMPTS AT PARK-AND-RIDE.

6. CHIN ASKS THAT NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU BE

INCLUDED IN HIS ITINERARY.

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